

Education Committee Meeting

Committee Members in Attendance:

Dawn Cannizzaro, WCFD 17
Rachel Carlson, WCFD 1
Steve Cohen, WCEMS
Jerry DeBruin, WCFD 14
Jody Engels, WCFD 7
Jeff Heinrichs, BFD

Mike Hilley, WCEMS
Wes Segar, WCFD 8
Jeff Sluys, WCFD 7
Robin Stimac, SJPH
Dr. Marv Wayne, WCEMS
Dwight Worden, Cascade

CALL TO ORDER: Jerry DeBruin called the regularly scheduled Education Committee meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 2025 minutes, stand as written

REPORTS:

North Region:

A joint meeting of the Executive Board and the regional membership was held on May 15. \$21,000 unobligated funds in the bank account. The grants have been paid.
The hiring process for an executive director will start in August.
The new 2- year contract between DOH and North Region Council has been signed.
The Strategic plan was accepted by the state.
South Whidbey was approved to start doing BLS transports.
Min/max change was approved for new ALS service for central Whidbey.
Reviewed and recommended proposals for the opioid grant. Whatcom County was granted \$10,000 for opioid prevention and outreach. \$39250 was awarded to S. Snohomish County Fire to support the substance use disorder specialist.
More funds will be coming at the end of the year.
The next meeting will be held in June.

Training officers:

DOH is still reviewing the protocols. A video covering the protocol changes is being made.
6 BLS focus trainings were done in 2024 with an average of 14 people per session. There have been 3 trainings so far in 2025.

Have completed 7 BLS evaluator courses; 4 in 2024 and 3 in 2023.

There are approximately 60 new EMS evaluators, along with a mix of renewals.

Training for gurneys: Megan from D19 and Skylar from D7 put together a training program that was sent to the Ops committee for approval.

CQI:

The CQI committee encourages participation from all agencies.

TAB:

The TAB meeting was held on May 7th.

During the finance budget update, Dan McDermott made a motion to form a subcommittee to determine what goes first if funding is lost.

Levy planning was discussed.

Hospital:

Robin will check on the status of the hospital radios.

Unfinished Business:

Whatcom County was granted \$10,000 for opioid prevention and outreach.

Protocols are being reviewed by DOH.

New Business:

Dr. Wayne is working on 3 projects for Dr. Weiche.

1. PTSD – He is putting together a program and is looking for a venue for Sept 25th.
2. Sports medicine training for sports trainers at the high schools in February
3. Evolving a four-part wilderness medicine program.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:24 pm